FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 11/23/63

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

Lee Oswald

At 11:07 p.m., 11/22/63, Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky, the Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense, telephonically furnished the identity of certain defectors during the Korean War. Mr. Yarmolinsky said he had an idea that possibly the following individuals, who had a similar background to Lee Harvey Oswald, might have been in Dallas on November 22,1963, and might possibly be involved in the assassination of the President. He furnished the names of Libero Picciardelli, Robert E. Webster, and Nicholas Petrulli as the Korean War defectors he had in mind.

Mr. Yarmolinsky was thanked for bringing this matter to our attention, and was advised the matter would receive appropriate attention.

We are checking further on this.

Bureau files contain no information concerning Libero Picciardelli, however, both Webster and Petrulli are the subjects of Bureau cases. Neither were defectors in the Korean War, but both were defectors to Russia in 1959.

Webster was born on 10/23/28, Tiffin, Ohio, and served as an enlisted man in the U. S. Navy from 8/5/47 to 5/17/50, and received an honorable discharge. In October, 1959, Webster, while employed by the Rand Development Corporation at the U. S. Exhibition in Moscow, renounced his American Citizenship. He returned to the U. S. on 5/20/62. Subsequent to his return, he was interviewed by Bureau Agents, by the Secret Service and appeared before the Senate Subcommittee to Investigate the Administration of the Internal Security Act. At the time of his return, he was residing at 311 East Beaver Street, Zelienople, Pennsylvania, with his parents. The latest information available in Bureau files showed an employment in May, 1963, with the Wesco Manufacturing Company, 2000 Main Street, Wellsville, Ohio, and a residence in the In-City Motel, Main Street, Wellsville, Ohio.

1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. DeLoach

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According to Bureau files, Petrulli renounced his U. S. Citizenship while in Moscow as a tourist on 9/3/59. He returned to the U. S. on 9/22/59. At this time he was residing with his brother, Dominick Petrulli, 354 N. Central Avenue, Valley Stream, Long Island. Bureau files reveal that Petrulli's ex-wife was living in Los Angeles. There was no information in Bureau files of either Webster or Petrulli indicating any connection with Oswald, although Oswald was in Russia at approximately the same time as Webster.

ACTION:

The Cleveland and New York Divisions have been instructed to discreetly ascertain the whereabouts of Webster and Petrulli on 11/22/63.

Memo re: Riccardelli
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JPL:sct

also I can't understand this renouncing of citizenship by Petrulli in 9/3/59 & his return to U.S. on 9/22/59. Is it a settled practice by State Dept to allow individuals who have renounced their citizenship to return to U.S.?